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Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Annual Memorial Lecture Series - III

VEDANTAM : SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Date / Time :- 02 - 09 - 2026, 11 AM

Venue :-

**Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR
SEMINAR HALL**



Dr. Rayaprolu Venkata Kameswara Sarma

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Dr. Ramachandra R.K.

Principal
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Rajahmundry

PROGRAM REPORT

DR. SARVEPALLI RADHAKRISHNAN ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES – III

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Organized by: Department of Philosophy, Government College (Autonomous),
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1. Introduction & Ceremonial Inauguration



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The Department of Philosophy successfully organized the highly anticipated third edition of the Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Annual Memorial Lecture Series on September 2, 2026. The academic event witnessed an overwhelming and active interdisciplinary participation of 120 students drawn from the

departments of Philosophy, Political Science, Journalism & Mass Communication, and Sanskrit.

The program commenced with the traditional lighting of the torch by the Chief Speaker, the Principal, the Head of the Philosophy Department, and the attending faculty members. This auspicious tradition symbolized the dispelling of ignorance and the illumination of intellectual inquiry. Following the inauguration, Sri M. Mahesh, Lecturer in Philosophy, delivered a warm welcome address, formally introducing the distinguished guests to the academic gathering.

2. The Legacy of the Memorial Lecture Series



M. Mahesh Lecturer in Philosophy, to intro - about Program of
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SERIES – III**

During the introductory remarks, the profound institutional legacy of the event was highlighted to contextualize the day's proceedings. The audience was reminded of the deep historical ties between the institution and the renowned philosopher:

"This lecture series stands as one of the signature academic traditions of our Philosophy Department. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was not only a monumental philosopher and the former President of India, but he also shared a deeply prestigious history with our very institution during his tenure in the Department of Philosophy. To honor this connection, the

Department of Philosophy initiated this annual lecture series, held every year during his birth month. This journey began with our inaugural lecture on September 29, 2024, followed by the second lecture on September 1, 2025. Today, we take immense pride in carrying this legacy forward with our third edition."

3. Student Reflection & Perspective

To bring a student-centric viewpoint to the memorial, T. Manikanta, a second-year B.A. Philosophy student, was invited to share his reflections. He spoke eloquently about the dual identity of Dr. Radhakrishnan, noting:

"This lecture series celebrates a giant of Indian intellectual history. While the world remembers Dr. Radhakrishnan as a statesman and the second President of India, we in this hall honor him first and foremost as an iconic teacher, scholar, and philosopher."

His speech set a reverent and academic tone for the remainder of the session.

4. Address by the Head of the Department



**HOD OF PHILOSOPHY DR. K. SITA MAHALAKSHMI TO
INTRODUCE SPEAKER**

Dr. K. Sita Mahalakshmi, Head of the Department of Philosophy, took the stage to introduce the keynote speaker and to deliver a comprehensive historical overview of Dr. Radhakrishnan's philosophical contributions. She proudly recounted his time at the college:

"Dr. Radhakrishnan served as a lecturer right here in our Department of Philosophy from 1916 to 1918. During a time when Indian philosophy was often reduced globally to mere mysticism, he acted as an intellectual bridge between East and West, applying rigorous academic logic to translate ancient wisdom for the modern world. His commitment to institutionalizing philosophical thought led him to co-found the Indian Philosophical Congress alongside Rabindranath Tagore—creating a vital platform for scholars and students to debate and evolve Indian thought as a living, breathing discipline. As Dr. Radhakrishnan wisely noted, philosophy is not a mere intellectual exercise, but a sustained effort to comprehend life—a quest for truth demanding both intellectual and moral integrity."

5. Principal's Inspiring Address



Principal's Inspiring words to Students

Addressing the gathering of students and educators, Dr. Ramachandra R.K., Principal of Government College (A), Rajahmundry, delivered an inspiring speech centered on the life and enduring ideals of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He expanded on the true purpose of education, urging students to look beyond textbooks. He encouraged the audience to follow the path shown by Radhakrishnan by pursuing lifelong knowledge, upholding strict moral and ethical values, and maintaining a deep respect for the teaching profession. Dr. Ramachandra emphasized that academic institutions should not merely dispense information but must actively shape responsible, value-oriented, and socially committed citizens capable of leading the nation forward.

6. Keynote Discourse: Vedantam & Social Development



Resource person, Dr. Rayaprolu Venkata Kameswara Sarma delivered Lecture

The focal point of the program was the keynote address delivered by the esteemed resource person, **Dr. Rayaprolu Venkata Kameswara Sarma** (M.A. English, M.A. Telugu, M.A. Sanskrit, PhD, and Retired Sanskrit Lecturer). Speaking on the theme "Vedantam: Social Development," Dr. Sarma provided a deeply analytical exploration of ancient Indian wisdom.

He expanded on the core essence of Vedanta, breaking down its complex metaphysical concepts into practical guidelines for modern living. He articulated how Vedantic principles are not isolated spiritual practices but are deeply intertwined with social and holistic development. By emphasizing the unity of all beings, Dr. Sarma illustrated how Vedanta fosters ethical living, mutual respect, and social harmony, making it a highly relevant framework for addressing contemporary societal challenges.

7. Cultural Tribute and Interactive Session

Following the keynote lecture, the academic atmosphere was beautifully complemented by a cultural and reflective tribute. Dr. Noojilla Srinivas, Lecturer in English, rendered a soulful song based on the ideology and philosophy of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The musical performance deeply resonated with the audience, creating a thoughtful and reflective environment that honored the former President's memory.

This was immediately followed by a dynamic interactive session, where students from various departments engaged directly with Dr. R. Venkata

Kameswara Sarma, asking insightful questions regarding the application of Vedanta in modern governance, media, and daily ethical dilemmas.

8. Concluding the Programme

The programme successfully concluded by providing an enriching and transformative platform for students to reflect upon the enduring relevance of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's philosophy. The culmination of the event was marked by a formal expression of appreciation from the participating students, who shared how the lecture broadened their understanding of Indian Knowledge Systems. The faculty coordinators delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, acknowledging the Chief Speaker's invaluable insights, the Principal's unwavering support, and the meticulous planning by the Department of Philosophy that made the third edition of the memorial series a resounding success.

9. Interdisciplinary Participation & Faculty Presence

The workshop's success was largely driven by the enthusiastic participation of 120 students and the collaborative presence of faculty members across multiple disciplines, showcasing the college's commitment to holistic academic engagement. The prominent dignitaries and faculty present included:

Dr. Ramachandra R.K., Principal, Government College (A), Rajahmundry

Dr. Rayaprolu Venkata Kameswara Sarma, Keynote Speaker / Retd. Sanskrit Lecturer

Dr. K. Sitamahalakshmi, Head of the Philosophy Department

Sri M. Mahesh, Lecturer in Philosophy

Dr. Noojilla Srinivas, Lecturer in English

Smt. Farah, Lecturer in Political Science

Smt. Lakshmi Kumari, Lecturer in Political Science

Sri Dinesh, Lecturer in Sanskrit

Sri K. Eswara Ram, Lecturer in Journalism & Mass Communication

Smt. Gargi Unni Krishnan, Lecturer in Social Work

